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MEMORANDUM FOR: Associate Director, NDP/NPIC

FROM : Bruce T. Johnson
Director of Data Processing

SUBJECT : NPIC Development Program Procurement Review

REFERENCE : Your Memorandum, dated 15 May 1981,
Subject: NPIC Development Program Discussion
Follow-up (NPIC/D-227-81)

1. At our meeting on 5 May we had an excellent opportunity to learn more about your program and I found the session very useful. Be assured ODP will support your efforts as best we can.

2. Regarding the streamlining or modification of ADP procurement procedures, I think you will find that ODP procurement review activities in the recent past have not caused any undue burdens on requesting offices. We have reviewed programs of similar size and complexity to the NDP, such as SAFE, with no major problems. On the average, in FY 1981 it has taken us 3.2 working days to review an external procurement. We view prompt handling of component requests as a critical part of our procurement review activities and make every effort to respond to requests for review in a timely fashion.

3. In order to accommodate the NDP to the fullest extent possible, I propose the following guidelines, designed to address many of your concerns about procurement review and still permit us to fulfill our Agency responsibilities:

- a. Prior coordination of procurement requests in draft form to expedite final processing.
- b. Exclusion of incremental funding (within the fiscal year) as well as procurements that do not meet the criteria
- c. A willingness to periodically revisit the problem and exclude further categories of procurement, if review turns out to be non-productive.

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4. I have asked [] Acting Chief, Management Staff, to be your contact on the subject of procurement review. Please do not hesitate to call him with any special requests or questions. He may be reached [] Also, any procurement actions may be forwarded to him at Room 2D0109, Headquarters.

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5. On the subject of ODP support to the Data and Control element proposal evaluation, I will do everything possible to provide you with the required assistance. I am sure you understand that providing specific key ODP individuals for one month during prime vacation period can be quite difficult. I would appreciate having the specifics of your request as soon as possible so we can begin the necessary planning. If I can be of further assistance to you, please do not hesitate to let me know.

/s/ Bruce T. Johnson

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